

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

May 24, 2000  
MAG Office, Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman	Councilmember Keno Hawker for Mayor
Mayor Ron Drake, Avondale	Wayne Brown, Mesa
* Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye	Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
* Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
* Mayor Vincent Francia, Cave Creek	Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	Mayor Mark Schnepf, Queen Creek
* Mayor Cel Arias, El Mirage	* President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
* Mayor Sharon Morgan, Fountain Hills	Indian Community
* Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	Mayor Sam Campana, Scottsdale
* Governor Donald Antone, Gila River Indian	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
Community	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert	Councilmember Lon McDermott for Mayor
* Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	Dallas Gant, Wickenburg
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	Mayor Eugene Russell, Youngtown
* Councilmember Margarita Garcia, Guadalupe	* F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
Mayor Colin Barleycorn, Litchfield Park	Mayor Dallas Gant, ADOT
Supervisor Andy Kunasek, Maricopa County	Bill Beyer, Citizens Transportation Oversight
	Committee

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Chairman Neil Giuliano at 5:05 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Giuliano introduced proxies, Councilmember Keno Hawker for Mayor Wayne Brown from Mesa, and Councilmember Lon McDermott for Mayor Dallas Gant from Wickenburg.

Chairman Giuliano announced that this was the last Regional Council meeting for three members, Mayor Mark Schnepf from Queen Creek, who served since 1992, Mayor Sam Campana from Scottsdale, who served on the Regional Council since 1996, and Mayor Colin Barleycorn from Litchfield Park, who served since 1998. Chairman Giuliano presented each with a gift in recognition of their contributions to the MAG Region. He stated that he also had a gift for Mayor Wayne Brown from Mesa, who served since 1996, and was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Giuliano stated that he would present Mayor Brown with his gift later in the week.

Chairman Giuliano stated that agenda items #13 and #14 were removed from the agenda and will be considered at the next Regional Council meeting.

Chairman Giuliano announced that the RPTA has generously agreed to provide transit tickets for individuals who use the bus to get to the Regional Council meeting. He stated that tickets are available following the meeting from Ken Driggs of the RPTA.

3. Approval of April 26, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Giuliano asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the April 26, 2000 meeting. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Mayor Mark Schnepf moved, Mayor Colin Barleycorn seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2000 meeting, as written.

4. Call to the Audience

Chairman Giuliano noted that we have a timer to assist the public with their presentations, which have a three minute time limit. When two minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. He said that at the end of the three minute time period, the red light will come on. Members of the audience who wish to speak fill out a card and give it to the MAG staff who will bring it to the Chairman.

Chairman Giuliano stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. He indicated that for the action items on the agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is heard. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who thanked Mr. Bourey for ensuring his comments were reflected in the agenda information packet. He requested that documents submitted at the CTOC meeting on May 23, 2000 be made a part of the MAG record. He said that the documents show the public involvement process and offer suggestions for achieving public involvement. Mr. Crowley stated that public comments to all agencies need to be blended. He stated that meeting calendars from other entities should be included on the MAGAZine meeting calendar. Mr. Crowley stated that the Transit center is not included in the Work Program. He encouraged sensitivity to the Indian Communities in using the term "Papago." Mr. Crowley stated that agency employees should not have parking spaces so that they will have to use forms of transportation other than cars. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

5. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that MAG hosted a briefing on the MAG region for a group of Mexican Municipal Associations. Due to the high degree of interest, a follow up meeting may be scheduled.

Mr. Bourey stated that a Transportation Enhancement Funds Workshop is scheduled for May 31, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in the Saguaro Room at the MAG office. Mr. Bourey noted that Transportation Enhancement Funds applications are due July 12, 2000.

Mr. Bourey stated that Governor Hull signed HB 2104, which repealed the entire remote sensing program. The remote sensing program, also known as "smog dogs," is designed to identify high

emitting vehicles and send them into the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program for testing. Mr. Bourey indicated that the Carbon Monoxide Attainment Demonstration will need to be re-modeled and the Serious Area Plan may need to be revised.

Mr. Bourey stated that a purchase order was issued for the Regional Videoconferencing System equipment. He indicated that many member agencies submitted requests for equipment upgrades that they will be funding.

Mr. Bourey stated that a Domestic Violence Religious Leaders Forum is scheduled for June 15, 2000. This forum will be used as a platform to enhance the activities and support for domestic violence.

Mr. Bourey stated that at the Regional Council retreat, it was recommended that teleconference briefings on the agenda be given in order to achieve greater understanding of the issues. He stated that the briefings were recently implemented and explained that members dial into a number that connects them to the teleconference. Mr. Bourey mentioned that the teleconference briefings would continue as long as there was interest and we would use the Regional Videoconferencing System when it becomes available. He encouraged members' participation in the briefings.

Mr. Bourey stated that judges recently met and determined the finalists for the Desert Peaks Awards. He announced the finalists for Public Partnership: East Valley DUI Task Force, Maricopa County Slumlord Task Force, and the Mesa Gang Intervention Project; for Public-Private Partnership: Governor's Ozone Alert Program, LOCK 'EM OUT, and SAFE KIDS Coalition of Maricopa County; for Regional Partnership: Intergovernmental Agreement-Revenue Sharing, Mesa's Center Against Family Violence, and the START Pilot Project; for Distinguished Service: Tom Canasi, Tempe's Social Services Manager, Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, and Norris Nordvold, Phoenix Intergovernmental Affairs Director; for Regional Excellence: Michael Ellegood, Maricopa County Flood Control District, Avondale Councilmember Peggy Jones, and Sandra Reagan, Southwest Community Network.

Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions. Mayor Barleycorn asked if Desert Peaks awards finalists had been notified. Mr. Bourey replied that more than 100 letters were sent to finalists on May 23, 2000. Mayor Tibshraeny expressed appreciation that Chairman Giuliano and Norris Nordvold had been recognized by the award nominations.

## 6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Giuliano stated that agenda items #7, #8, and #9 were on the consent agenda. He asked if any member requested that a consent agenda item be heard. Hearing no requests, he asked for a motion to approve.

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny moved to approve consent agenda items #7, #8, and #9. Mayor Skip Rimsza seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that the agencies shown on the public input section of the information summary do not constitute public input. He stated that he does not see cohesiveness and cooperation in the process. Adherence to statutes is not being followed. Mr. Crowley urged learning from one situation and applying it to the next is not being done. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

7. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for an Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The closeout of the FY 2000 federally funded program requires an amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add three new proposed projects and an administrative adjustment for minor revisions to 21 projects. An amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG TIP is necessary to add a Scottsdale transit corridor Major Investment Study (MIS) at a cost of \$250,000, to add the RPTA project for Regional Rail preliminary engineering/environmental impact statement (PE/EIS) between Chris Town and East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) at a cost of \$2,943,236, and to add the MAG Summer Ozone Education Program in FY 2001 at a cost of \$300,000. The administrative adjustment is necessary to advance 17 projects to FY 2000 and to increase funding for four projects.

MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) and found that the project changes require consultation on the conformity assessment. The Scottsdale transit corridor MIS, the RPTA Regional Rail PE/EIS, and the MAG Summer Ozone Education Program projects may be categorized as exempt, for which conformity determinations are not required. The 21 minor project revisions may be characterized as an administrative adjustment for which a conformity determination is not required. The current conformity finding for the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan Summary that was made jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in a letter dated June 10, 1999, would be unchanged by this action.

8. GIS and Database Enhancement Project

The Regional Council, by consent, approved amending the consultant contracts to add the following amounts for revised contract totals: TerraSystems, \$29,409 for a revised total not to exceed \$107,915; Info Tech, \$153,986 for a revised total not to exceed \$403,686; and Applied Economics, \$16,605 for a revised total not to exceed \$97,483. The FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program, approved by the Regional Council in May 1999, contained funds to support consultant contracts for the update of MAG Databases that are needed to develop a new set of socioeconomic projections. In December 1999, the Regional Council approved selecting consultants in the following amounts: TerraSystems, \$78,506 to manage the project and coordinate the GIS elements; InfoTech \$249,700 to update the MAG Street File; Applied Economics \$80,878 to prepare employment and development databases; and Arizona State University \$186,930 to update special population data and other data inputs needed to run the MAG transportation model. Of the remaining \$200,000, \$153,986 earmarked for the project was deferred until more work had progressed on updating the street file, while \$46,014 was reserved for other tasks that needed to be completed. We are now requesting that the following contracts be amended to add the following amounts: TerraSystems, \$29,409 for reviewing, revising and creating consistent addressing standards throughout the region along with additional project oversight on new work tasks; InfoTech \$153,986 for digitizing Existing and General Plan Land Use, and Development and Redevelopment Databases; and Applied Economics, \$16,605 to recommend regional standards for mixed use and business park development, calculating post-high school enrollment and preparing regional standards for single and multifamily housing ratios. The Management Committee recommended approval of amending the contracts.

9. MAG Regional Connections Project

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the MAG Regional Connections Project to ensure regional connectivity by providing e-mail, Internet and a web page to those member agencies who do not yet have this connectivity, for an estimated cost of \$60,000. On May 26, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2000 Unified Planning Work Program, which contained a request for funds to ensure that 100 percent of interested member agencies have e-mail, Internet access and a web presence. The purpose of Regional Connections is to ensure regional electronic connectivity. Six member agencies were identified who need e-mail and Internet. Six member agencies were identified who need a web page. On March 27, 2000, the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group (MAGTAG) recommended purchasing the computers, Internet Service Provider (ISP) access and related peripherals for the six member agencies who need e-mail and Internet connectivity. On May 9, 2000, MAG was informed by one of the member agencies that they will provide their own e-mail and Internet connectivity. MAGTAG representatives volunteered to install the equipment and support the new users. MAG staff will create a limited web page for the six member agencies who do not yet have a web page. The MAGTAG unanimously recommended providing the equipment, ISP access, and peripherals, at an estimated cost of \$30,000. This project also includes MAG locating a server at Maricopa County for approximately \$30,000. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Regional Connections Project.

10. Requested Change to Increase Project Budget for Pecos Road Connection Project

Eric Anderson stated that ADOT requested that the budget for the Santan/I-10 Traffic Interchange, Phase I, Pecos Road Connection Project, be increased by \$2.78 million. The Pecos Road Connection links the Santan/I-10 Traffic Interchange with Pecos Road to the west of I-10. The increase in budget was due to higher estimated costs as a result of the completion of the final design for the project. Mr. Anderson noted that the 95 percent plans are complete. The budget increase represents a material change for the MAG Regional Freeway Program. A Transportation Improvement Program amendment is not required for this change in budget. The new budget for this project would be \$29 million. Program cash flow is adequate to accommodate this change without impacting other planned Regional Freeway Program projects. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Anderson for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Bill Beyer moved, Mayor John Keegan seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the request to add \$2.78 million to the budget for the Santan/I-10 Traffic Interchange, Phase 1, Pecos Road Connection.

11. Federal Fiscal Year 2000 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2000 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Paul Ward stated that annual sub-allocations of Federal Obligation Authority (OA) to the MAG region must be used by September 30, 2000 or it could be lost. He reviewed the closeout process. Mr. Ward stated that an assessment is completed to establish the precise amount of federal funds that have been sub-allocated to the MAG region and is compared with the list of projects programmed in FY 2000 of the most recent TIP. Mr. Ward noted that \$63,262,277 in funds are available for the FY 2000 project year. Mr. Ward noted that Table One attached to the information summary lists the projects expected to obligate and requested for carry forward for FY 2001. By March 1 of each year, MAG

agencies request the carry forward from the current year to the next, of any projects that are not likely to be completed through the federal development process in time. Projects are identified that are able to utilize the funds available from the first two phases and from any redistributed Obligation Authority that might be made available from federal sources. Mr. Ward stated that \$18,277,533 in project requests have been received for the funds available, as shown on Table Two. This year, approximately \$4.3 million is available from unprogrammed funds, plus \$6.55 million from carry forward requests, leaving \$10,873,025 available for the close out, also shown on Table One. Mr. Ward reported that the projects that were recommended by the Transportation Review Committee to utilize the uncommitted funds available were listed in Table Three and totaled \$11,380,924. Mr. Ward explained the necessary actions required to carry out the close out process: to amend the FY 2000-2004 TIP to show the required projects in FY 2000, to adjust the draft FY 2001-2005 TIP to remove or reduce the advanced projects, or to defer the carry forward projects; and to amend the FY 2000 Work Program and Annual Budget for the projects shown asterisked in Table Three. He stated that the Management Committee recommended approving the projects recommended by the TRC.

Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Ward for his presentation and asked if there were any questions. Mayor Joan Shafer asked for clarification of the zero dollar amount designated for the Surprise Dust Stabilization Project. Mr. Ward replied that zero is shown because the project is being carried forward from this year to next year. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Giuliano asked for a motion to approve.

Mayor Skip Rimsza moved, Mayor Mark Schnepf seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the staff recommendation for the interim closeout and amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program that was recommended for approval at the May Management Committee meeting, and process the recommendation by doing the following:

1. Approve the carry forward of the projects listed in Table One;
2. Approve the new, acceleration and additional funds for projects as listed in Table Three;
3. Authorize an amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the necessary projects in FY 2000 of the TIP;
4. Approve an amendment to the FY 2000 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the MAG related closeout projects as listed in Table Three; and
5. Approve adjustments to the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as listed in Table Four.

## 12. MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Working Group Interim Report

Dennis Smith stated that in August 1998, the Regional Council Executive Committee directed staff to form a committee to examine the issues related to the incarceration of municipal prisoners. He indicated that the Management Committee formed the Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Working Group in September 1998, chaired by Terry Ellis, Peoria City Manager. Mr. Smith stated that the voters approved Propositions 400 and 401, instituting a one-fifth cent sales tax for nine years or \$900 million for the construction and operation of jail and detention facilities. The purpose of the Working Group was to address the issues of projected per diem and booking rates, future medical billings, and operations coordination and booking efficiency, in regard to the building of the new County facilities. Mr. Smith stated that once the new facility is built, operating costs are expected to increase. He acknowledged the assistance of Sheriff Joe Arpaio, David Smith, Maricopa County Administrator, and Tom Manos, County Chief Financial Officer. He indicated that David Smith appointed Mr. Ellis to work on the Citizens Advisory Committee, that oversees the expenditure of the sales tax. Mr. Smith

stated that the Working Group divided into the following subgroups to work with Maricopa County: Jail Contract Methodology, led by Rick Naimark, Phoenix; Jail Related Health Cost Administration, led by Harold Brady, Glendale; and Facility Planning Group, led by Glen Olson, Scottsdale, and Brent Ackzen, Glendale. Mr. Smith acknowledged the efforts of Eric Anderson and Tom Manos in compiling the reports of the subgroups. He introduced Rick Naimark, Phoenix, Discussion Leader for the Jail Contract Methodology subgroup.

Mr. Naimark stated that the main focus of the Jail Contract Methodology subgroup was to examine the per diem rates charged cities and towns for the incarceration of municipal prisoners. He noted that these rates were found by the subgroup to be reasonable. Mr. Naimark stated that it is important to understand the ratio of municipal prisoners to other prisoners. He displayed a chart showing that while municipal prisoners account for 39 percent of the bookings, they account for only 16 percent of the prisoner days. He indicated that it is important to note that the overall expansion of the jail facilities is not greatly dependent on the municipal population. Mr. Naimark displayed a chart showing comparisons of per diem and booking rates in other areas of the country. He indicated that this chart showed that our rates compare favorably with other cities. Another chart showed the projected per diem and booking rates for Maricopa County for years 2001-2006, with and without inflation. Mr. Naimark stated that the new facilities will impact the cities by major increases in costs. Mr. Naimark stated that the projected capital costs, funded by the sales tax revenue, are \$509.28 million. He said that the tax revenue is earmarked for capital expenditures only and not for operations and maintenance of the facilities.

Mr. Naimark stated that the subgroup also recommended supporting the Sheriff's office to control operating costs, establishing a reserve account for fees collected for depreciation of jail facilities, and further exploration of establishing per diem rates that reflect the costs of lower security requirements of municipal prisoners. Mr. Naimark stated that the reserve account is important in order to ensure that money is spent for the established purpose. He remarked that focus is needed on working with the Sheriff's office to streamline officer's time, especially during the booking process.

Mr. Naimark stated that the Jail Related Health Cost Billing Administration Subgroup was led by Lt. Harold Brady, Assistant City Attorney, Glendale. Lt. John Calender, Support Services Commander, Chandler, and Bryan Raines, Assistant to the Manager, Mesa, participated on the subgroup. They discussed issues relative to the medical expenses for prisoners housed at County facilities. Mr. Naimark stated that the County places the responsibility for special medical costs of their prisoners on the cities. He stated that the goal of the subgroup was to streamline the process to control medical charges to the cities. Mr. Naimark stated that the subgroup recommended that the medical notification process be streamlined by notifying the cities when their prisoners are admitted to the hospital, enhance software between criminal records and health facilities to improve notification, accept faxed release orders, and explore a flat rate or insurance rate type of system to eliminate costly tracking of medical billing. Mr. Naimark stated that contact information forms were given to all cities that would supply the County with the correct contact information. He noted that previously, the medical notification process operated only during business hours, which allowed medical bills to accrue. This process will become 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Mr. Naimark stated that the Jail Operations Planning subgroup attended meetings with the County on planning the new jail facilities. Mr. Naimark acknowledged the generous cooperation of the County in agreeing to the participation of officers in the design of the booking facilities. Mr. Naimark stated that the subgroup explored the potential of linking booking information from cities to the Sheriff's

Office to eliminate redundant data entry and expedite the intake process. This would result in extensive officer cost and time savings.

Mr. Naimark summarized the next steps for the Working Group in the upcoming year: to examine separate rates for different levels of security, refine operational plans to better determine future costs, examine alternative ways to pay medical costs, develop a model master contract, and to certify cities to perform portions of the booking process. Mr. Naimark stated that this certification process would be an important step to achieving cost savings. He stated that the Working Group is requesting recommendation for approval of the interim report and to continue their work for one additional year.

Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Naimark for their presentations. He asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Rimsza commented that the different rate structures based on levels of security risk were consistent with private sector prison rate structures. He indicated that it was appropriate for the County to develop this concept. Mayor Rimsza stated that it is anticipated that 500,000 prisoners per year will be released from detention facilities over the next decade.

Mayor Joan Shafer moved, Mayor John Keegan seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Working Group Interim Report.

13. Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force Draft Final Report

This item was removed from the agenda.

14. Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines

This item was removed from the agenda.

15. Homeless Continuum of Care Recommendations

Carol Kratz stated that on December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the HUD Stewart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for Maricopa County. Ms. Kratz stated that Mesa and Phoenix previously coordinated the process, which requires extensive work. Ms. Kratz stated that it was determined that the process required more staff resources than the cities could provide. She said the Continuum of Care grant supports transitional and permanent housing, and supportive services. Last year, the region received \$15 million. The Stardust Foundation provided MAG with a \$100,000 grant to conduct the planning process. A Continuum of Care Steering Committee was formed and chaired by former Chief Justice Frank Gordon. Over 100 community stakeholders have participated in four subcommittees that met 24 times between January and March. MAG received 31 applications totalling \$29 million from organizations in the Valley. A ranking and review process was administered by the Valley of the Sun United Way. Ms. Kratz asked the Regional Council to comment on the application before the grant is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on May 31, 2000. Ms. Kratz stated that the next steps in the process are a decision concerning how to approach homeless issues on a regional coordinated basis and funding of the year round planning process. She noted that the Stardust grant runs out in June and alternative funding is being sought.



Chairman Giuliano thanked Ms. Kratz for her presentation. He expressed appreciation for the work on this important project. He asked if there were questions.

Mayor Rimsza asked if determination had been made if funding could be accommodated in the MAG budget. Mr. Bourey replied that the budget could be amended to include funding, if necessary. Mayor Barleycorn asked the estimated funding cost. Ms. Kratz replied that she estimated the cost at approximately \$75,000. She indicated the amount would probably be less than the current year, since much of the groundwork has been laid. She mentioned that the consultant is willing to continue on the project if funding can be identified.

Mayor Rimsza indicated his support for the Continuum of Care recommendations and expressed special recognition to Jerry Bisgrove and the Stardust Foundation for their assistance on the project. The Regional Council concurred with Mayor Rimsza's statements.

Chairman Giuliano stated that this issue needs to be addressed and the best way to solve the problems is to take a regional approach. Mayor Barleycorn stated that this project demonstrates a regional approach to solving a problem. It refutes inaccurate opinions, such as those printed in the recent Republic editorial that MAG does not work cooperatively to solve regional problems. Mayor Barleycorn stated that the Executive Committee could move forward with communications to the Legislature to give MAG authority over regional issues.

Mayor Rimsza left the meeting to present a speech at the Neighborhoods USA Conference.

17. Draft FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on the Broadcast Feasibility Study. He stated that the Management Committee's meetings should also be broadcast. He stated that improvements to many streets are not mentioned in the Work Program. Mr. Crowley stated that options, such as bike facilities on the west and central Grand Canal need to be provided. He indicated that spending \$300,000 for a tunnel makes more sense than spending \$3 million for a bridge.

Art Rullo displayed pie charts that showed the amounts and sources of MAG funds, totalling \$11,590,392. He gave a summary of funds used by expenditure categories and program areas. Mr. Rullo noted that personnel cost projections assume a 5 percent salary adjustment and one new position, for a total of 58 employees. Mr. Rullo referred to a table that showed a comparison of the proposed FY 2001 budget to the amended FY 2000 budget. Mr. Rullo stated that the total operating cost of \$5,224,388 represented an increase of 5.78 percent over the FY 2000 budget. The \$5,224,388 represents the amount needed for MAG to operate in FY 2001. He noted that the Regional Council Meeting Broadcast Feasibility Study for \$30,000 had been added at the request of the Executive Committee. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Rullo and staff for their work on the agency's financial affairs. He asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Andy Kunasek asked whether the unallocated contingency could cover the estimated \$75,000 funding required by Continuum of Care project. Mr. Bourey replied that action from the Regional Council would be needed to allocate this money. He stated that alternative funding sources could be explored.

Mayor Joan Shafer moved, Bill Beyer seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the resolution adopting the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments.

Chairman Giuliano stated that this was his last formal meeting as Regional Council Chair. He encouraged all to attend the Desert Peaks Awards dinner. Mr. Bourey stated that the evening would begin with the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and is expected to conclude by 8:30 p.m.

Chairman Giuliano announced that a dinner for the members of the Regional Council and their staff who have confirmed their dinner reservations will be held in the MAG offices on the third floor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Secretary